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Dr. Jim Rex, Superintendent
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Dear Dr. Rex,

This letter serves to request that the South Carolina Department of Education withdraw Regulation 4026, Procedures and Standards for Charter School Applications, make the changes below (indicated in **bold**) and resubmit it. Due to a discrepancy between Section III (B) (3) and SC Code 59-40-50, the Senate Education Committee finds that it cannot approve the regulation in its current form.

III. CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION STANDARDS

(B) Admissions Policies and Procedures

The application must include a description of the charter school's admission policies and procedures:

(3) The policies and procedures must not limit or deny admission or show preference to any individual group; however, priority, which may not exceed twenty percent of the enrollment of the charter school, may be given to

- (a) a sibling of a pupil already enrolled or previously enrolled,
- (b) children of charter school employees, and
- (c) children of the charter school committee, provided enrollment of children of charter school committee members does not exceed twenty percent of the enrollment of the charter school.

Please withdraw the regulation, make the indicated changes, and resubmit it as soon as possible.
Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John Courson', written in a cursive style.

John Courson
Chairman

Cc: Anne Cushman, Legislative Council
Helen Marini, House Education and Public Works Committee